

**Funds for National Highways Development Programme**

†1355. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that hardships are being faced in mobilising funds for the National Highways Development Programme;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the efforts contemplated for mobilising the required funds for this Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The funds for National Highways Development Project are being mobilised from cess funds, external assistance, market borrowings, and private financing.

**Setting up of statutory bodies**

1356. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have sponsored setting up of statutory bodies/institutions under its aegis to give adequate encouragement to rural and agro-based industries;
- (b) if so, how many such bodies/institutions have been set up, mentioning location thereof;
- (c) whether any such body/institution has been proposed in Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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